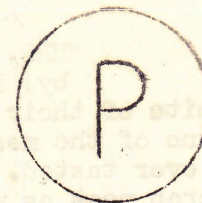


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THIS WEEK

by

PEET the Mynah Bird.

deer boss:

yOu been make me seek dis week
 cause da nc65 been comeen an i neva get
 one chance for interview one da beeg shotts
 passenger. lAss week you been refuse let me
 go cAnton iSlan for veesit da slyder keeds
 an diss week i gotta take care one noisy
 canarie. dats da lass straw, you know, da
 one what poosh da puka' in da kamels opu.
 hOos da malahine dat stay bOb halls house?
 Every time i try coll julie bout my cousins
 neck i been interup from nex door with hells
 polly an you betta watch out. Who is dey
 anyway??? Well you been know my cusins neck,
 well lass week she been fall in the river
 up to et.

lass Sunday sure been hard on some da
 folks, cause dey been go fishing or shelling
 an forget da son get hot. nOw dey been get
 red faces, arms an leggs in fac some of dem
 look like one lobster whot juss been cook.
 nO insults my frans, cause i been get my
 head an neck burn da same way.

some da keeds sure goona get beeg eyes
 when dey see da contents of da beeg box dat
 come in for da fare, an if you been sell all
 dose teekts at da fare instead of keep dem
 for da bachelors club da money cood be use
 for get more things for da keeds playground.

tell jonnie mEnchew dat he gonna burn
 up my goat if he never come round an say
 hello an let me know how da rest my family
 been doin up in da beeg city.

yOurs trooly.

Peet

P.S. yOu got good eye sometime boss but
 you neva axe da names mose time till da
 plane been leave. da ladie with da blue
 dress steel been here. she been mrs roberts
 mama.

George and Julie Avery were outgoing
 passengers for the big city on the NC65.
 George, injured his back and may have to
 have an operation, but we hope to see him
 back on the next trip of the 65. Mr. Leon
 Bruner is expected in on the next navy fli-
 ght to relieve him while he is away.

TERRITORY SENDS CREW TO SPRAY ISLAND.

Dr. David Bonnet, with Mr. Robert Mikuni, Mr. Keio Fukanaga and Miss. Elsie Narikawa arrived on the NC 65 with a special spray outfit with which to spray the residential areas, dumping grounds, mess hall and hotel areas.

This spray is for a residual control of the common house fly. The spray remains on the walls for some time and continues to kill the flies for several months.

"The control of flies here is very difficult, due to the abundance of breeding places. I would strongly recommend that everyone take care of the basic sanitation for fly control in the vicinity of their own quarters," Doctor Bonnet, says.

Mr. Mikuni, was down here on the April 9th trip of NC 65. We note that he has his fishing pole with him this trip, but have not heard what luck he has been having.

AIRPORT NEWS

This week has been another busy one for the boys servicing the planes. It started out Sunday evening with C46 returning from Samoa. Then NC65 Monday afternoon from the big city. The regular navy plane Tuesday morning and the 65 departing for Canton that afternoon.

The NC65 had a large load of off-loading passengers for Palmyra. Wm. Hake Jr., Boyd Asamura, Kengo Okada, Troy Forbes and Yoshinori Chinen, joined Mr. Ferro's gang on the Gas-line job.

Frank Davis, John Namaka Jr., electricians; Yoichi Okata, Noboru Nakada and Tommie Yasui, carpenters, came in to help out the P&S Maint. crew.

Edward C. Howerton, is here for temporary duty in the power house, while Bill Fleming is in the hospital.

Johnnie Menchow returned after being up north for medical treatment.

Ed. Wise, a cook relieving Jack Kaneshiro, who is going on leave and Emil Hauir a new commissary clerk.

Mrs. John C. Moylan, arrived for a visit with her daughter and son in law (The Roberts family)

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Part #7
 "MRS. ROBINSON CRUSOE"
 by; Idelle S. Meng.

In spite of their uncanny appearance, they are one of the most toothsome delicacies I have ever tasted. We did not tire of coconut crab meat as we did of fish and we rarely went to the trouble of catching lobsters, although they were quite plentiful along the reef.

The lagoons and channels literally teemed with fish. Most of the varieties are edible though if one were to take the notion to eat any of the varicolored species I am sure he would feel like he was eating a rainbow and would suffer from "painters colic".

The huge balloon fish were most interesting. Upon being disturbed they would immediately inflate themselves to twice their normal size and roll around helplessly.

Mullet, which sells at an enormous price in Honolulu is probably the most plentiful variety found on Palmyra. They feed in shoals and inlets and will go leaping like goats into the air when disturbed. Their leaps and bounds do not vary more than a few inches in distance and are actually in a uniform line. We often killed them by throwing our knives at them.

It was hard to determine which was the most interesting, the bird life or the marine life of Palmyra. After an exploring trip around the edge of the beautiful clear lagoons with my water glass, I would gaze into the crystal depths at the myriads of interesting fish and decide that there was Palmyra's greatest charm. Then after a stroll along the shell-strewn beach from which the feathered inhabitants could be observed, I would decide that such unusual bird-life exists nowhere else in the world. They were so unused to humans that they had no fear of us whatever; we could walk up to them and touch them as they sat on their nests. We took great pride in our wonderful aviary and in no way harmed or molested them.

(to be continued)

VIA THE NC 65 FROM CANTON.

Eva Snyder, sent us a copy of the CANTON CORAL CAPERS, Canton Island's new weekly paper. It is published in the BAA Offices by the joint forces of CAA & PAA.

It is one sheet on legal size paper and is chock full of news and notes. Bill Gordon is the editor with Petie Trowhitt, his assistant. Bob Virchow, Crime Investigator. Les Jordan, Balloon Expert and Jack Tomkins in the Kiwi Corner.

They give Capt Dick Copeland, skipper of the NC65 quite a nice write up.

Eva sends her regards to all her friends on Palmyra.

From UNCLE SAM'S PACIFIC ISLETS.
 By David N. Loff. Published 1940
 PALMYRA ISLAND

Description and Discovery

Palmyra Island, although 960 miles southwest of Hawaii, is within the city limits of Honolulu. Palmyra is a U-shaped atoll, with its fifty-three islets totaling about five hundred acres in area, and surrounding a lagoon 5.6 miles long by 1.5 wide.

Captain Sawle, an American, discovered the island on November 7, 1802, and named it for his ship, the "Palmyra". It was also known afterward as Samarang Island but was visited rarely. The "Porpoise", of Commander Wilkes' U.S. Exploring Expedition visited Palmyra, and reported small quantities of water and fruit obtainable on it. Wilkes found the island inhabited, apparently by indigenes, for he commented: It is to be regretted that all these detached islands should not be visited by our national vessels, and friendly intercourse kept up with them. The benefit and assistance that any shipwrecked mariners might derive from their rude inhabitants would repay the time, trouble, and expense such visits would occasion. No subsequent account of Palmyra has ever mentioned a native population.

Claim and Counter claim.

A Hawaiian commission which visited the island in 1862 found the following notice, together with an American flag:

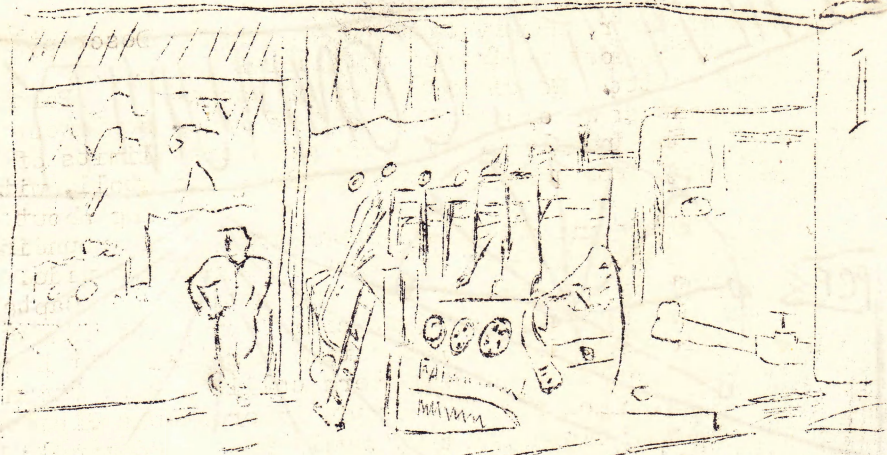
BE IT KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLE
 that on the 19th day of October A.D. 1859, the undersigned, Agent of the American Guano Co., landed from the brig Josephine, and having discovered a deposit of guano thereon, doth, on this 20th day of October aforesaid take formal possession of this island, called "PALMYRA", on behalf of the United States, and claim the same for said company. (signed) G.P. Judd

Agent A.G. CO.
 (to be continued.)

We have received word via Submarine cable and etc. that Bill Flemming is still in the hospital. Charlie Snyder, former MTIC is also in the hospital in Honolulu. Tommy Kawato has taken an extension on his leave. We are wondering if he is going to bring his back with him.??? Johnnie Monchow signed up again while he was in the Big City. Freddie Sherman has decided to return to his hometown in the states and is leaving Wake Island. The boat that has our supplies on it is still being held in Honolulu on account of the stevedores strike.

The PALMYRA TRAINING CENTER

This scetch of one of the important installations on Palmyra has been in the files for a number of months. The caption that was submitted with it was left off due to the change in personnel and might not fit the present big wheel.??? We hope in the near future to be able to present additional schetches of isl- and activities by Jerry Norton our Staff Artist.



Power house

THE CHILDRENS COLUMN.

This week our guest columnist is Eugene Norton who tells about model aeroplanes.

CONTROL-LINERS

by

Eugene Norton

Control-liners were started in the war time, because free flights mixed up inexperienced air plane spotters, who reported strange planes flying by. So out comes the fighter force and behold a cabined free flight, so comes the control liners.

There are three methods of flying the control line model airplanes. The first one is a one wire affair called the G-line, developed and patented by the Victor Stanzel Co. of Shumberg, Texas. It was the first commercial control-line model system on the market. Originally this control system consisted altogether of a single line anchored to the wing tip or to the side of the fuselage, the other end of it was anchored to a bambo fish pole. This kind wasn't so hot because it left out elevator control and the plane went just on a level course. So comes Jim Walker's U-control system with elevator control. Walkers U-control system consists of two wires leading down the wing inside the fuselage to a bell crank, then connected to the same bell crank is a wire which goes to a hook on the elevator.

Next came Stanzel's design using two steel control lines; a roller control and a directional control stick. This is it now but as the years go by, controls, planes, engines, and everything in the world will change including men's theories.

NEXT WEEK, The Robber Bird and His Victim, by Stuart Menchow.

Each week in the Childrens Column we hope to bring you something by our own children here on Palmyra. Or present something especially for them, in their own column.

Airport News Continued.

Departing passengers for Honolulu were Mr. & Mrs. Keith Cornell and the children Mr. & Mrs. George Avery, Wm. Fells, W.S. Castor, Koken Higa, D.M. Rosa, Kam K. HSe, Francis Bow Jack Kaneshiro, Howard Yamamoto, Emil Hauirn and Charles U. Wolfe.

Those making inspections and etc were Jean David and S.B. Romm of P&S Maint. Chas. E Wilkie, Airport Traffic Control; Herbert M. Slate and Raymon C. Jirikowic of P&S Cons. Clarence Funkhouser, Air Traffic Control. and E.A. Gillispy of Communications Operatin Division.

We say ALOHA to Koken Higa and his crew they did a fine job in transferring the control station and transmitters.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

If you were in hopes of a trip to the mainland on NC 65 this year its out. There is a letter from the Assistant Regional Administrator on the board which states that there are no plans for the NC 65 to go to states this fiscal year.

SPORTS

Now that Mr. Bruner is returning to Palmyra, he may be able to get some pep into the baseball games that havent been being played.

Ping pong seems to be the most active sport at the present time due to the IMPORTATION of numerous ping pong balls lately.

There is a little activity on the tennis court now and then in the evenings. But the number of good balls are scarce. If we can get a volunteer or two for some evening the section where the wire is out can be fixed up in short order. Give us a call if you are interested. The material is available we have the tools and will also help.

Eugene is very busy doing with - every body with them - adults & men - want them to play with them - adults & men



THE FAIR IS STILL GOING TO BE HELD, THE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK.

There will be a meeting of the chairmen of the committees early next week for final plans.

Due to the many request for changes in the program, the dance will not be held as was originally planned. In it's place there may be a BINGO game. The things are here, but a number of other things have to be taken into consideration by the committees before deciding if there will be any intertainment the first night.

For the information of those who may have been looking for the questioner on the bulletin boards, it was not put up as announced.

Get your entries ready for the fair and

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT

Your shell collection, Pictures of the Island, wood carvings, plants, animals, birds, cocenut crabs, paintings schotches cooking or what over you want to enter.

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT

You will learn something by seeing what others have done or are doing and in turn they will learn something from your exhibit

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT

As SNUFFY SMITH would say "Times awasting so start getting your entries ready for Palmyra's First Community Fair

LETS SEE WHAT YOU GOT.

For the information of the new arrival on the island. The exhibits are to be something that is grown here, made, designed or found here. One of the main features and objects of the fair is to show what has and can be done here.

From some of the reports comming in about the gardens there should be some good exhibits, if the families do not everything up before the show.

Where there is enough competetion in any branch of the show there will be prize ribbons as well as certificates. Where there are only one or two entries under a branch or section, certificates will be awarded.

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PALMYRA COMMUNITY FAIR

I would like to enter my

in the Adult- Childrens section of the Fair.

your name